

# CITY OF FRANKFORT

## Sewer Department

### Quarterly Newsletter

#### RATE INCREASE FUNDS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

On June 27, 2005, the Frankfort City Commission approved a rate increase of 20 percent effective July 1, 2005. The rate increase was approved to fund sewer infrastructure improvements that have been identified as a result of an ongoing comprehensive evaluation of our collection system. This ongoing evaluation was undertaken to protect the quality and integrity of the wastewater collection system and insure compliance with appropriate regulations.

The funds generated by the increase will be used to upgrade our aging sewage collection system through repair or replacement of broken lines and manholes in every part of the system. Additionally, upgrades to our pump stations are necessary to maintain the Department's ability to convey the raw sewage to the wastewater plant for treatment. Improvements are also being made at the sewage treatment plant located on Kentucky Avenue. More work is scheduled at the plant to modernize and upgrade the treatment process and ensure the effluent meets the limits of our discharge permit.

Over the years, the City has attempted to maintain the cost of service to our citizens. However, to meet Federal EPA and State Division of Water standards, assure sufficient capacity and provide increased operational efficiency, upgrades are needed to our sewer collection/treatment facilities. Over the next twenty to twenty-five years, these improvements are expected to cost in excess of \$75 million. It should be noted that this rate increase and planned future increases are being programmed to keep the Sewer Department debt free. This enables the Department to use those funds that would normally be used for debt service to be utilized for projects.

The Sewer Fund is a separate fund in the City's annual operating budget. The monthly sewer fees paid by our customers fund the account. The Sewer Fund is totally self-supporting and is not subsidized with property or income taxes.

#### **Taking Care of Business** *(excerpts from customer letters and phone calls):*

- ⇒ "Recently, I had a need to voice my complaint regarding a problem I was having with my sewer which I felt was not caused by me. This is my letter of thanks to Bill Scalf, David Stivers, Dan Johnson, and everyone else who worked to resolve my sewer problem. I want to let everyone I talked to and who came to my house was nice and considerate of my problem. Please take this opportunity to let your guys know I really appreciate everything they did to bring normality back to the sewer in my home. As a tax payer and a consumer, it is good to know that someone will listen to your concerns." - Jarmilia Booker Stephenson of Williamsburg Road.
- ⇒ "On June 24, I called the Frankfort Sewer Department about a manhole in my back yard. I want to praise the FSD staff which included—Mark Pardi, Fred Loman, Melanie Hockensmith, and David Stivers for their work and dedication to this project. After the manhole was raised, they dressed the site around the manhole. My yard looks great!" - Stephanie Sarafini.

#### EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER AWARD



The Sewer Department recently instituted an Employee of the Quarter Award. The award was created to recognize an employee each quarter that provides excellent service to our customers or an employee that has exhibited outstanding performance in the execution of their duties.

The recipient of this award for the second quarter of 2005 is T. J. Gaines. He was hired June 2004 to work in the collection system. After a sudden vacancy, he stepped up to the plate and volunteered to work with the pump maintenance crew. His work performance has proved to be a valuable asset to them along with his eagerness to learn new things.

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- Lisa Sekula, Office Assistant

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## ***Expanding our knowledge and expertise to serve our community better . . .***

- April 15 (Chip Gill, Stanley Green, Terry Hopper, Fred Loman, Eugene Moore, Danny Hammond, Mark Pardi, Daniel Fey and Robert Peterson) Received certificate of training for the NUCA Competent Person Training in Trenching/Excavation—OSHA 29CFR 1926 Subpart P Excavation.
- April 27 (Stanley Green, Daryll Ballinger, T.J. Gaines, Greg Thurman, Glen Sanford, Eugene Moore and Jeff Hamblen) Attended the 2005 Plant Maintenance Seminar for The Henry P. Thompson Company in Louisville, KY.
- April 27 (Robert Oerther and Robert Peterson) Attended The Erosion Protection and Sediment Control Workshop sponsored by the Kentucky Division of Water, Division of Conservation, City of Frankfort, Franklin County Fiscal Court and Tetra Tech.
- May 24-25 (Robert Peterson) Attended Trenchless Technology, SSES and Buried Asset Management Seminar in Louisville, KY.
- June 14-15 (Greg Thurman, Robert Oerther, Eugene Moore and Glen Sanford) Attended 2005 Compost Facility Operator Training and Certification through the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Waste Management.
- June 21-22 (Jeff Hamblen and Robert Oerther) Attended 2005 Landfarm Facility Operator Training and Certification through the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Waste Management.
- June 30-July 1 (Carol Atha) Attended Mastering Microsoft Project seminar in Louisville.

## ***Welcome on Board . . .***

- *Chris Martin* joined our department as a Pump Mechanic Assistant in April. He lives in Franklin County and was employed at Lee Brick and Block Company.

## ***Congratulations to . . .***

- *Terry Hopper* for renewal of his journeyman plumber's license in May through the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- *Tim Puckett , Jeff Perry, Fred Loman and Melanie Hockensmith* for receiving their CDL's through the Commonwealth

## ***Focus on Glen Sanford Plant Operator III***



Glen began his employment with the City in September, 1989 as a plant operator I. He successfully passed the plant operator II certification through the KY Division of Water in 1991 and obtained his plant operator III certification in 1992.

Glen handles daily activities such as rounds, coordinating lab results to adjust the biological treatment process, operating the bio-solids belt filter press and the ozone disinfection system. He also gathers data for the State and Federal operating permits and maintains sludge data reports.

He and his wife have three sons and ten grandchildren. Glen enjoys hunting, fishing and gardening as well as spending time with his grandchildren and various church activities.

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